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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	August, 1979			August 31, 1979	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	726	749	765	671	1,115
Douglas Fir Region	668	698	639	575	793
Western Pine Region	941	990	989	531	1,290
California Redwood Region	191	177	156	194	400
Other Softwoods	140	145	141	270	250
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,666	2,759	2,690	2,241	3,848
% Change - July, 1979	+10.8	+ 7.7	+ 5.1	- 3.0	- 2.4
% Change - Aug., 1978	+ 1.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.1	+ 8.1	- 2.4
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	309	295	285	276	489
Appalachian Hardwood Region	137	125	117	*	*
Other Hardwoods	243	229	219	142	506
TOTAL HARDWOODS	689	649	621	418	995
% Change - July, 1979	+ 8.5	+10.2	+ 3.3	- 6.3	+ 4.2
% Change - Aug., 1978	- 0.3	- 2.1	-11.0	-32.1	+37.2
TOTAL LUMBER	3,355	3,408	3,311	2,659	4,843
% Change - July, 1979	+10.3	+ 8.2	+ 4.7	- 3.5	- 1.2
% Change - Aug., 1978	+ 1.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	- 1.1	+ 3.8
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
	(Thousand Board Feet)				
FLOORING:					
Oak Flooring Region	10,272	10,084	10,090	9,488	2,642
Maple Flooring Region	1,800	1,689	1,953	12,031	1,472
	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:					
Total All Regions	1,836,598	1,896,840	1,928,012	1,201,087	300,210
% Change - July, 1979	+26.9	+24.5	+18.5	+ 2.7	- 8.7
% Change - Aug., 1978	+ 5.2	+10.0	+17.4	+34.5	- 4.9

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION	Aug'79	Percent Change From July'79	Percent Change From Aug'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	8,617	+ 7.2	- 1.0
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,851	- 4.7	- 1.5
Western Pine Reg.	10,514	+ 8.2	+ 3.2
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,219	+20.7	+13.0
Other Softwoods	1,615	+ 4.1	+ 1.4
Total Softwoods	30,816	+ 4.9	+ 1.3
Total Hardwoods	7,950	+ 7.1	- 0.3
TOTAL LUMBER	38,766	+ 5.3	+ 1.0

SHIPMENTS	Aug'79	Percent Change From July'79	Percent Change From Aug'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	8,718	+ 4.8	- 0.4
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,164	- 4.9	- 3.1
Western Pine Reg.	11,082	+ 4.4	+ 6.3
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,021	+ 5.9	- 4.3
Other Softwoods	1,663	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Total Softwoods	31,648	+ 1.9	+ 1.0
Total Hardwoods	7,554	+ 2.4	- 2.1
TOTAL LUMBER	39,202	+ 2.0	+ 0.3

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

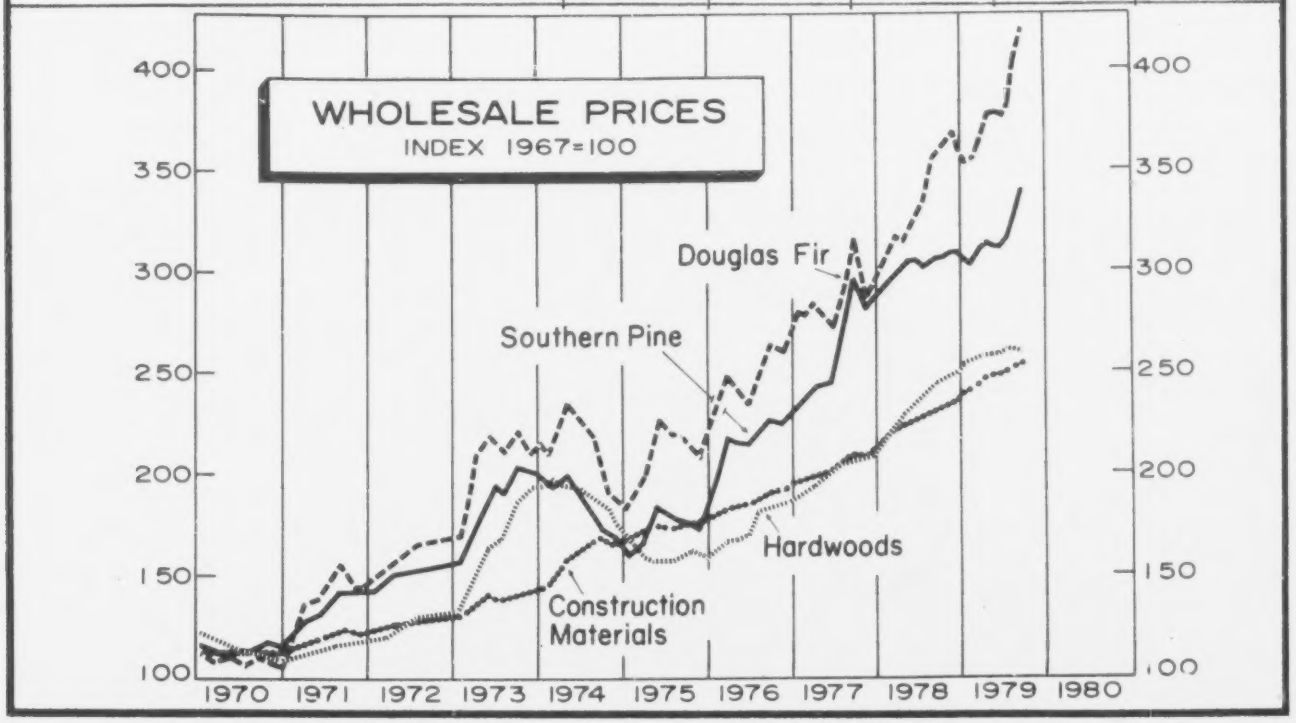
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 8 mos. '79	25,157	25,119	25,185
Total Lumber - 8 mos. '78	25,251	25,436	25,489
% Change	- 0.4	- 1.2	- 1.2
Softwood Lumber - 8 mos. '79	19,906	20,061	20,282
Softwood Lumber - 8 mos. '78	20,490	20,628	20,541
% Change	- 2.9	- 2.7	- 1.3
Hardwood Lumber - 8 mos. '79	5,251	5,058	4,903
Hardwood Lumber - 8 mos. '78	4,761	4,808	4,948
% Change	+10.3	+ 5.2	- 0.9

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Aug.'79	Percent Change From July79	Percent Change From Aug.78	8mos79	Percent Change From 8mos78
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	1,043.9	+ 3.2	- 6.6	7,917.4	- 3.0
Softwoods	1,006.8	+ 3.6	- 7.4	7,636.2	- 3.5
From Canada	1,003.8	+ 6.9	- 4.4	7,604.1	- 3.5
Other Sources	3.0	-37.5	-52.3	32.1	- 2.2
Hardwoods	33.4	- 8.8	-16.0	262.0	+ 11.1
From Canada	7.3	-32.2	- 3.3	59.8	- 14.2
Other Sources	26.0	+ 1.1	-20.2	202.2	+ 21.8
Other (not specified)	3.7	+36.4	+143.6	19.2	+140.5
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	191.1	+22.0	+41.5	1,387.3	+ 19.5
Softwoods	150.9	+22.2	+43.6	1,136.0	+ 22.3
Hardwoods	27.1	+17.6	+ 5.6	200.4	- 5.6
Other (not specified)	13.0	+30.8	+201.4	50.9	+159.4
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	62.5	+15.8	+17.7	433.2	+ 5.8

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Aug. '79	July '79	Aug. '78	8 mos.'79	8 mos.'78
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	21,875	+ 1.9	+ 6.5	143,707	+11.1
Private	16,886	+ 1.5	+ 8.5	113,579	+12.4
Residential	9,581	+ 1.1	+ 2.8	63,166	+ 5.8
Nonresidential & Other	7,305	+ 1.9	+17.1	50,413	+22.0
Public	4,989	+ 3.2	+ 0.2	30,128	+ 6.4
	Sept.'79	Aug. '79	Sept.'78	9 mos.'79	9 mos.'78
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	160.8	-7.0	-11.4	367.5	-11.9
New Private Starts	160.8	- 6.4	-10.9	1,364.3	-12.0
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,881	+ 4.2	- 7.1		
One-Family Housing Starts	105.3	-12.0	-15.5	956.2	-13.9
(Proportion of Total Starts)	65.5			69.9	
	Aug. '79	July '79	Aug. '78	8 mos.'79	8 mos.'78
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	10,580	+ 6.3	+11.6	71,059	+ 3.7
New Housing Units	5,514	+ 9.1	+ 4.5	38,326	- 4.4
New Nonresidential	3,848	+ 5.6	+22.9	24,544	+15.2
Additions and alterations	1,105	- 1.5	+19.6	7,364	+17.5
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	28,900	+29.0	+ 3.2	190,700	+ 2.2



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QII '79	QI '79	QII '78	6 mos. '79	6 mos. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total	12,205	+ 9.4	- 5.2	23,361	- 2.3
Softwoods	10,263	+10.7	- 6.0	19,537	- 4.0
Hardwoods	1,942	+ 3.2	- 0.9	3,824	+ 7.4

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)		% Change From	
	Sept. '79	Aug. '79	Sept. '78
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	89,853	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
All Manufacturing Industries	20,986	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	760	+ 1.2	+ 1.6
Furniture and Fixtures	485	- 0.2	- 0.6

WHOLESALE PRICES		% Change From	
	Sept. '79	Aug. '79	Sept. '78
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	241.7	+ 1.5	+13.8
All Construction Materials	256.6	+ 1.0	+10.2
Lumber and Wood Products	309.7	+ 1.7	+ 9.5
All Lumber	373.8	+ 2.4	+12.5
Softwood Lumber	405.6	+ 2.9	+14.1
Douglas Fir Lumber	424.0	+ 3.9	+16.3
Southern Pine Lumber	343.6	+ 3.9	+11.3
Other Softwood Lumber	421.9	+ 2.5	+14.3
Hardwood Lumber	260.7	- 0.2	+ 6.2
Millwork	250.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.3
Softwood Plywood	331.0	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Hardwood Plywood	173.8	+ 0.6	+21.6
Wood Household Furniture	199.4	+ 1.5	+ 8.5
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	222.8	+ 0.4	+12.0
Steel Mill Products	284.8	+ 0.1	+ 9.3
Aluminum Shapes	249.8	+ 0.2	+ 7.8
Concrete Products	248.6	+ 0.9	+12.3
Structural Clay Products	223.8	+ 0.6	+10.6

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